

Earl's Diary - Saturday - May 3, 2014

To my many Loyal Readers, wherever you may be;

Today the weather was pleasantly cool and comfortable. This morning several couples dropped by the gathering just to look and explore options in egg trailers. There were several "lookie Lous" walking around. Several of the Casita folks even came by to see what my Scamp 5er was all about. They ARE impressed with the wood interior!



The main attractions for today are a couple of workshops. The first one started at 12:15. It was titled *Casita Travel Tips and Tricks*. I'm sure that if I have a Scamp, some of those tips and tricks would apply. However, I took the time to slip into town and do a little grocery shopping. When I came back at 2:15, the Tip and Tricks was just winding down. THAT was a lot of tips and tricks! Of course that would be of interest to "newbie" people.



Another workshop of interest to a lot of eager people was Dutch Oven Cooking lead by Lorie. She also had lots of tips and tricks.



Following the talk, eager participants scurried around preparing their dutch oven meal that will be served for dinner tonight.

MORE DUTCH OVEN you say? Yep, that's what they say. It seems to be the highlight of this particular gathering. Three nights of cooking in a DO. Seems like a lot of work to me. Each to his/her own thing however.

Yesterday I took lots of pictures of preparation. Today it will be a quick overview of the fire and cooking. I want to get right to the view from the pot.



A Double Decker!





Chicken - - something?

It's almost dinner time!

*Now to the Goodies.* The cooks could hardly wait to try out their efforts.



Sampling a little of this - - and a little of that!





There was the usual pot luck sides featuring tantalizing salads, desserts and appetizers all furnished by us non-DO cooks.



The rest of the onlookers could hardly wait for their turn.



I've had some of my Loyal Readers ask if that was all we do at gatherings - eat all the time! It sure looks that way doesn't it? Never fear, most of us do get lots of visiting and resting in. For me, the most interesting photos are of people doing something. That means patiently waiting for meal time to happen. I do get my regular nap time in - - but I quickly hide away - no photos please!



It did get rather breezy and cool during tonight's dinner. After eating, some of the group quickly disappeared to the warmth of their trailers. I must say that there wasn't too much left in all those dutch ovens. No one should have gone home hungry.

Tomorrow is the final day of the gathering. Most of the w----- people will probably be heading for home, so it should be a lazy day for those of us remaining. We'll see what happens spontaneously tomorrow. Until then, thanks for coming along with me today. Bye for now - - Earl